

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on April 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Alex Gray, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 330, 4/8/2017; SB 342, 4/8/2017

Executive Action: SB 232

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232

00:00:06 Chair White

00:03:08 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:03:22 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:04:20 Chair White

00:06:56 Vice Chair Manzella

00:08:42 Vice Chair Brown

00:08:59 Chair White

00:09:25 Vice Chair Brown

00:09:39 Rep. Flynn

00:10:03 Chair White

00:12:14 Rep. Mortensen

00:12:32 Chair White

00:13:11 Rep. Court

00:13:40 Chair White

00:14:38 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:14:57 Chair White

00:15:06 Rep. Court

00:15:35 Rep. Mortensen

00:16:09 Vice Chair Brown

00:16:24 Chair White

00:17:36 Rep. Court

00:17:50 Chair White

00:18:45 Rep. Court

00:18:58 Rep. Flynn

00:19:26 Vice Chair Manzella

00:19:46 Chair White

00:19:56 Rep. Flynn

00:20:20 Rep. Gunderson

00:20:42 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 232 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(nah75a01)

Discussion:

00:21:11 Rep. Fitzgerald

00:22:08 Chair White

00:23:07 Rep. Fitzgerald

00:23:52 Chair White

00:24:40 Vice Chair Brown

00:25:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Gunderson voting no. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Noland and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:27:57 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:28:15 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 232 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(nah75a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:28:37 Chair White
 00:29:16 Joe Kolman, LSD
 00:29:56 Vice Chair Manzella
 00:30:19 Rep. Flynn
 00:30:53 Vice Chair Manzella

00:31:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Fleming and Rep. Gunderson voting no. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Noland and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:33:48 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:34:32 Vice Chair Brown
 00:35:08 Rep. Court
 00:36:52 Vice Chair Brown
 00:37:24 Rep. Flynn
 00:38:03 Chair White
 00:38:35 Rep. Fitzgerald
 00:38:55 Chair White
 00:39:00 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting
 00:40:25 Rep. Fitzgerald
 00:40:41 Rep. Flynn
 00:42:45 Rep. Fleming
 00:43:19 Rep. Bob Brown
 00:44:21 Rep. Flynn
 00:44:56 Rep. White

00:46:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Noland, Rep. White and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Noland and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:47:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 232 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote.

00:48:03 Chair White

HEARING ON SB 342

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:11 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 342, Good neighbor forestry to encourage economic development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:01 Matt Arno, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
00:53:07 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:38 None

Informational Testimony:

00:55:46 Neil Simpson, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:20 Chair White
00:57:44 Sen. Vincent
00:58:26 Neil Simpson, DNRC
00:59:02 Chair White
00:59:19 Neil Simpson, DNRC
00:59:29 Rep. Curdy
01:00:12 Neil Simpson, DNRC
01:00:16 Rep. Bob Brown
01:00:52 Sen. Chas Vincent
01:01:00 Rep. Fitzgerald
01:02:00 Matt Arno, DNRC
01:02:17 Rep. Gunderson
01:02:29 Sen. Vincent
01:03:45 Rep. Gunderson
01:03:57 Sen. Vincent
01:04:51 Rep. Flynn
01:05:42 Matt Arno, DNRC
01:06:00 Rep. Noland joined the meeting
01:06:13 Chair White
01:07:15 Matt Arno, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:42 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:25 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 330, Provide for property assessed clean energy financing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:12 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County Clerk and Treasurer
01:17:37 Robert Farris-Olsen, City of Helena
01:20:13 Martha Brown, Self

EXHIBIT(nah75a03)

01:23:49 Chris Dorrington Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
01:27:20 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

EXHIBIT(nah75a04)

01:31:37 Chris Cavasos, AFL-CIO
 01:32:41 Ed Gulich, High Plains Architects
 01:36:54 Sam Hall, Rock Mountain Development Council
 01:39:19 Nicole Divine, Park County Senior Center
 01:41:03 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group
 01:41:35 Joan Kresich, Self

EXHIBIT(nah75a05)

01:44:22 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 01:44:44 Mary Fitzpatrick, Self
 01:45:38 Ken Decker, Yellowstone Citizens Council

EXHIBIT(nah75a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:48:13 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)

EXHIBIT(nah75a07)

01:52:34 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)
 01:56:16 Pete Johnson, Opportunity Bank
 01:59:38 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

EXHIBIT(nah75a08)

02:04:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
 02:08:15 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use

EXHIBIT(nah75a09)

02:12:16 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 02:14:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

02:16:57 Maureen Rude, Neighborworks Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:18:40 Chair White
 02:20:07 Sen. Vincent
 02:20:19 Chair White
 02:20:53 Sen. Vincent
 02:22:17 Rep. Noland
 02:22:41 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
 02:24:57 Rep. Court
 02:25:17 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County Clerk and Treasurer
 02:27:15 Rep. Curdy
 02:27:50 Eric Bryson, MACo
 02:30:17 Chair White
 02:31:14 Pete Johnson, Opportunity Bank
 02:31:42 Chair White
 02:32:17 Pete Johnson, Opportunity Bank
 02:33:43 Vice Chair Brown
 02:34:10 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

02:34:34 Vice Chair Brown
02:35:16 Sen. Vincent
02:36:04 Rep. Curdy
02:36:42 Adam Haight, NPRC

Closing by Sponsor:

02:38:09 Sen. Vincent
02:43:01 Chair White
02:43:44 Vice Chair Manzella
02:44:18 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

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02:46:31

Alex Gray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah75aad.pdf](#))